



# *Milwaukee County*

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## **SUPERVISOR MAYO RENEWS CALL FOR DEDICATED TRANSIT FUNDING**

*Mayo testifies at hearing of Wisconsin Transportation Finance and Policy Commission*

**Milwaukee, WI** – Supervisor Michael Mayo, Sr., testified before the Wisconsin Transportation Finance and Policy Commission this afternoon. Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary Mark Gottlieb held the hearing in Milwaukee to learn more about our area's transportation concerns. Supervisor Mayo released the following statement after testifying at the hearing:

“I thank Secretary Gottlieb for holding this hearing in Milwaukee County and listening to our region's transit needs. On behalf of Milwaukee County, I communicated the need to prioritize mass transit funding. Our transit system is on life support, and we need creative solutions to establish dedicated funding and preserve transit over the long-term. Milwaukee County voters have approved a dedicated sales tax for this purpose and to reduce their property tax burden.

“The cumulative effects of key State budget decisions have a disproportionate impact on low-income and minority populations who have greater use of and greater dependence on mass transit. It's fair to question whether these budget actions, at the state level, are consistent with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I call on the Commission to issue positive recommendations in support of long-term funding for MCTS and a reversal of the 10% cut in operating assistance for mass transit.”

Supervisor Mayo serves as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairman of the County Board and Chairman of the County Board's Transportation, Public Works & Transit Committee.

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